

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2747. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1943. A communication from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 2008 Farm Bill Provisions on Clarification of Split Issuance; Accrual of Benefits and Definition Changes; Delay of Implementation Date for Certain Provisions" (RIN0584-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert F. Hedelund, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1945. A communication from the Acting Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1946. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006 with respect to blocking property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1947. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1948. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Populations Residing in a Qualified Disaster Zone" (Notice 2021-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retroactive application of section 13204 of TCJA" (Rev. Proc. 2021-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "45Q Carbon Capture Equipment Revenue Ruling" (Rev. Rul. 2021-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits Part II" (Notice 2021-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0092-2021-0094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Mexico in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTIC 20-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Mexico, for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1955. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transparency in Coverage" (RIN1545-BP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1956. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking (RTC)" and other relative reports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1957. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 21st Century IDEA 2019 report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "To repeal section 3516(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1960. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-141, "Engineering Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-142, "Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment and COVID Relief Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1962. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-143, "Good Faith Waiver of Certificates of Need for Health Care Providers Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1963. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-144, "Local Food Access Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1964. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-145, "Fair Elections Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1965. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-146, "Student Activity Fund Theatrical and Music Performance Expenditures Temporary Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-147, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1967. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-148, "Local Business Enterprise Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1968. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-149, "Performing Arts Promotion Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1969. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-123, "Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Equitable Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report